

REMARKS

Claims 21-34 are pending in the application, are rejected and are at issue.

By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended to satisfy the requirement for correction.

Likewise, the title is amended.

Applicant has amended claims 21 and 28 so that the §112 rejection ought be withdrawn. Applicant does not understand the objection to claims 22-34 for reciting “a system”. The action states that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation. Referencing “a system” does not require any antecedent basis. Moreover, each dependent claim in fact states “a system as defined in claim . . .”. Applicant believes that the claims are properly written and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant traverses the rejection of original claims 21-34, as anticipated by Anand U.S. Patent No. 5,832,946.

Claim 21 specifies a computer-based system for high level summary of business results to target scarce business resources at business change over a finite period of time. The system comprises a single screen; means to assimilate static data into the system; means to assimilate balance data into the system via an interviewing procedure; means to provide mapping of and a normalised structure of said static and balance data as a summary report; means to provide an iterative sign-off report; means to produce a separate report for each of a group of high level groupings of a particular node of a business; drag and drop means whereby to display a normalised structure; and means to trigger bench-mark calculations which check the said reports for mapping

changes and which are reviewed by a user of the system, whereby to provide an analysis of a business comprising a relational data base management system and a visual basic front-end.

As defined in the currently amended independent claim 21, the computer-based system acts over a finite period of time, the static data assimilation is via an interviewing procedure, the final report is provided via an iterative action, the system produces a separate report for each of a particular node of a business and operates using a drag and drop means whereby to display a normalised structure. None of these features are disclosed or suggested in Anand.

Anand relates to a system and method for performing intelligent analysis and for generating a report for a user in a retail system. Anand uses a three-computer system. Anand does not disclose or suggest the features now recited in independent claim 21. As such, Anand does not anticipate claim 21. More particularly, Anand discloses a system and method for performing intelligent analysis of a computer database using a client computer, a serve computer and a database computer. The database computer executes a database management program. The client computer is coupled with a server computer and executes an application program which allows a user to define predetermined data types inter alia. This is a complex system requiring three computers.

The present invention comprises a computer system which provides for a user, a relational data base management system and a visual basic front end which is accessed as a single screen carrying all data after respective iterations. Anand does not disclose such a system as claimed, particularly a system including means to trigger bench-mark calculations which check reports for mapping changes and which are reviewed by a user of the system using a single screen, as well as the features now presented in independent claim 21.

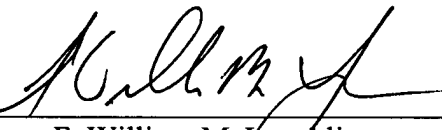
Because Anand does not disclose each and every element of claim 21, arranged as in the claim, there is no anticipation.

Claims 22-34 depend from claim 21 and are likewise not anticipated.

Reconsideration of application and allowance and passage to issue are requested. Moreover, because Anand does not suggest a system such as claimed herein, any obviousness rejection would also be improper.

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